



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes

### Town Council Committee of the Whole

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**Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson**

**Tuesday, June 1, 2010**

**6:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1**

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Mayor Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.*

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson  
Members Absent: Councilor Kolnaski

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.*

#### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **2010-0125 Establishment of Tax Rate for General Fund (FYE 11)**

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

##### **2010-0126 Establishment of Tax Rate for Mumford Cove District Fund (FYE 11)**

**Discussed**

*Councilor Sheets disclosed that she lives in the Mumford Cove District.*

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

##### **2010-0127 Establishment of Tax Rate for Groton Sewer District Fund (FYE 11)**

**A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.**

**The motion carried unanimously**

*Councilor Johnson arrived at 6:09 p.m.*

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson  
Members Absent: Councilor Kolnaski

##### **2006-0100 Thames Street Rehabilitation Study**

**Discussed**

*Mayor reported that he had an informative meeting with Mayor Popp last week. The Town Manager asked City Mayor Popp to give the Council a brief overview of where things stand with FEMA. Mayor Popp explained that FEMA has agreed to reimburse 75% of the reconstruction costs to the two retaining walls on Thames Street, one to be known as Paul's Pasta wall and the other as the E.B. wall. The Mayor believes the estimates to come in at around \$750,000 and that reimbursement will be on a "pay as you go" basis. This estimate does not include cost involving environmental mediation, utility relocation or private property right of way. He stated that there have been some stones found at the Paul's Pasta site that may have archeological interest. This could delay the project or change the scope of work. He stated that they are waiting for an*

*estimated from AT & T as to the costs involved in moving their lines.*

*Once all the bids are in, the Town Council will make and approve the appropriate "Resolution for Appropriation of Funds" and forward their recommendation to the RTM for their approval.*

*Discussion ensued regarding a possible referendum for Thames Street Rehabilitation. Deputy Mayor Galbraith stated that the City has an election this coming Spring 2011 and that this item could be a referendum question on that ballot. Mayor Streeter suggested that a advisory committee be formed that would include members for all parts of the Town along with City and Town Council representation. He suggested approaching some of the people who served on the original Thames Street Task Force and invite some of them to serve. Deputy Mayor Galbraith volunteered to serve.*

*It was agreed to have a meeting Friday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. to continue discussion. The meeting will take place at the Town Manager's office.*

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*